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## Response to Office Action

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

The Applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner of Patents consider the enclosed remarks and enter the following submission into the record, in response to the Examiner's most recent Office Action. Reconsideration in light of this submission is respectfully requested. If the Examiner requires additional action that may benefit from a telephone call, Applicant invites a call to its attorney of record, Nathan W. Johnson (Reg. No. 44,173). E-mail correspondence and transactions to [njohnson@bradleyarant.com](mailto:njohnson@bradleyarant.com) are authorized and encouraged.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 5 of this paper.

**A Certificate of Express Mailing** is attached as Page 8 of this paper.

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